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Hunters Reminded of Ongoing Fire Danger as Drought Conditions Persist

(Laramie, WY. - September 25, 2012) – As warm and dry conditions persist, hunters and other recreationists are reminded that the threat of wildland fire remains and that fire restrictions are still in effect across many jurisdictions.

Fire restrictions were rescinded across the Brush Creek-Hayden and Laramie Ranger Districts of the Medicine Bow National Forest last month; however, due to ongoing drought conditions throughout the Laramie Peak area and the Thunder Basin National Grassland, Stage 2 restrictions remain in effect on the Douglas Ranger District. Fires are not allowed on the Douglas Ranger District, even in developed campgrounds and picnic areas.

Where allowed, campers are advised to use caution when building and maintaining campfires. Always make sure that campfires are thoroughly extinguished before leaving a fire unattended. This is effectively done by stirring coals and other burned materials with water until cool.

For other Medicine Bow National Forest information contact the following offices, go to our website at http://fs.usda.gov/mbr, or you can follow us on Twitter, @MBRNFsTBNG.

- Brush Creek-Hayden Ranger District, South Highway 130, Saratoga, WY, (307) 326-5258
- Laramie Ranger District, 2468 Jackson Street, Laramie, WY, (307)745-2300
 Douglas Ranger District, 2250 East Richards Street, Douglas, WY, (307)358-4690

Please contact the Casper or Rawlins Field Offices for current fire restrictions on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands.

- Casper http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/field offices/Casper.html or (307) 261-7600
- Rawlins http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/field-offices/Rawlins.html or (307) 328-4200

Current fire restriction information for private, county and state lands can be found at the following websites.

- Albany County http://www.co.albany.wy.us/
- Carbon County http://www.carbonwy.com/
- Campbell County http://www.ccgov.net/
- Converse County http://conversecounty.org/
- Niobrara County http://niobraracounty.org/
- Platte County http://www.plattecountywyoming.com/
- Weston County http://westongov.com/
- Wyoming State Forestry Division https://sites.google.com/a/wyo.gov/wsfd-fire-information/